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deposit, the following resolution was offered by Director CUSHING. It was seconded by Directors AITKEN and COSTA and unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the President, or either Vice-President, and Secretary of this Society be, and they are hereby, authorized to withdraw from possession of Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco and receipt for the three first mortgage bonds issued by the Contra Costa Water Company and on deposit with said trust company.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., ON JANUARY 30, 1915, AT 8:00 P. M.

President R. T. CRAWFORD was in the chair. There being no objection, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved as printed.

Reports of committees were called for.

Director CUSHING, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the accounts of the Treasurer had been carefully audited and found to be correct. He also reported that steps were being taken which he believed would result in an early and satisfactory adjustment of all matters growing out of the default upon the three Contra Costa Water Company bonds held by the Society.

Mr. RICHARDSON, of the Library Committee, reported that no additions had been made to the library during the past year other than the regular unbound exchanges.

Mr. F. R. ZIEL, of the Bruce Medal Committee, reported that he had communicated with the French Mint, in Paris, and learned that, owing to war conditions, it would not be possible at present for the mint to strike off the needed medal for the current year.

The report of the Donohoe Comet-Medal Committee was read by the Secretary. This report shows that five comets were discovered in 1914 and that medals were awarded to Messrs. KRITZINGER, ZLATINSKY, and NEUJMIN. Comet *e* 1914 was discovered by several observers, independently, on the same night. The committee withholds the award for the discovery pending the receipt of further data.

All of the foregoing reports were received and approved.

President CRAWFORD then announced the award of the Bruce Gold Medal for the year 1915 to Dr. W. W. CAMPBELL, Director of Lick Observatory. Owing to the difficulty, already noted, of procuring the medal at this time, he stated that some future date would be fixed upon for a more formal presentation ceremony.

The next business in order was the election of a Board of Directors and a Publication Committee for the ensuing year. Mr. BEVERLEY L. HODGHEAD, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following ticket:—

For Board of Directors: W. W. CAMPBELL, W. H. CROCKER, C. S. CUSHING, J. COSTA, F. V. CORNISH, D. S. RICHARDSON, R. G. AITKEN, CHARLES BURCKHALTER, A. O. LEUSCHNER, S. D. TOWNLEY, A. H MARKWART.

For Publication Committee: R. G. AITKEN, H. D. CURTIS.

Messrs. ZIEL and COSTA were appointed by the chair as tellers, and the ballots were distributed to members present, to be collected and counted at the close of the address of the evening.

President CRAWFORD then introduced the speaker of the evening, Professor E. E. BARNARD, of Yerkes Observatory.

The announcement that this distinguished astronomer was to speak had called out a large and most attentive audience, which greatly enjoyed his wonderful illustrations and descriptions of the darker and more obscure regions of the sky, into the depths of which his keen vision has doubtless penetrated more deeply than that of any man who has lived.

At the close of his address a cordial vote of thanks was voted by the meeting.

The tellers then announced that the Board of Directors and Publication Committee, as nominated, had been unanimously elected.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, 752 PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, ON JANUARY 30, 1915, AT 9:30 P. M.

There were present Directors CUSHING, COSTA, AITKEN, BURCKHALTER, TOWNLEY and RICHARDSON.

The Board was called to order by Director BURCKHALTER, who had been made temporary chairman.

The only business on hand was reorganization, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:—

President: R. G. AITKEN.
First Vice-President: S. D. TOWNLEY.
Second Vice-President: J. COSTA.
Third Vice-President: F. V. CORNISH.
Secretary and Treasurer: D. S. RICHARDSON.